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SCOPE AND CONTENT

This collection is comprised of correspondence, photographs and printed materials of Brigadier General George Hatton Weems, a native of Tennessee. Weem's military career spanned a period of about 34 years, during which time he successfully completed a wide variety of assignments.

Perhaps the most interesting billet which e filled was the Chief United States Representative on the Allied Control Commission for Hungary. In this capacity, Weems was required to deal with British and Soviet counterparts. The documentation and photographs lend great insight to the history of postwar Eastern Europe. Some mention is also made of the situation in Czechoslovakia and East Germany also.

Another group of documents and photographs were generated during Weem's education at the United States Military Academy at West Point. These present a not often seen image of the Academy during the early 1900's.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Brigadier General George H. Weems, Chief of the United States Representation on the Allied Control Commission for Hungary, Budapest. Weems was born in Southside, Tennessee, September 27, 1891. He attended the Waverly (Tennessee) High School and Southwestern Presbyterian University at Clarksville, Tennessee.

General Weems was a graduate of the United States Military Academy at West Point in the first war class, April 20, 1917; just two weeks after the United States entered World War I. He sailed for France in September of that year as commander of a machine gun company in the Ninth Infantry of the Second Division.

He saw action in the Verdun and Chateau Thierry sectors and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross after the capture of Vaux. During the latter part of the war he served as an instructor at the Officer Candidate School in Langres, France. He rejoined his regiment December 13, 1918, and served with the Army of Occupation of Germany until July 19, 1919.

In addition to the D.S.C., he was awarded the Silver Star, French Croix de Guerre with a Corps Citation and the Order of the Crown of Italy.

Other decorations held by General Weems are the Order of Honor and Merit from Haiti, the Order of Merit from Brazil and the Order of Condor of the Andes from Bolivia.

Back in the States, he served at Camp Travis, Texas for a short time and then went to the Infantry School at Fort Benning, Georgia, as a student and instructor. He remained at the school for three years and in 1923 was assigned to Davison (North Carolina) College as Professor of Military Science and Tactics. General Weems remained there for four years after which he attended and was graduated from the Command and General Staff School at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

He was assigned to West Point as an instructor in tactics during 1928 and 1929. From there he went to Langley Field, Virginia, as an instructor in the Air Corps Tactical School. He was promoted to Major in 1932 and was graduated from the Army War College in 1934.

From 1935 to 1939 he was a Plans and Training Officer for the Second Division at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. He was appointed head of the United States Military Mission to Haiti in 1939 and was director of Haiti's Military Academy for two years. For this service he was awarded the Haitian Medal, Honeur et Merite, the highest medal of the Haitian Republic.

Returning to the States in 1941, he was assigned to the command of the 22nd Infantry, Fourth Motorized Division, then at Camp Gordon and went to the Infantry School as Assistant Commandant in March 1942. As Assistant Commandant at the Infantry School, General Weems was instrumental in training more than 60,000 young second lieutenants of infantry, as well as thousands of officers and enlisted personnel.

During the winter of 1944-1945, General Weems was sent to the European Theater on a special mission for the War Department. He was in the Philippines in 1945 on another special mission for the War Department and was in Manila on V-J Day. Upon his return from the Philippines, he headed the Board of Officers at Camp Blanding, Florida, to interview applicants for the Regular Army. From there he was assigned to the United States Representation on the Allied Control Commission for Hungary where he succeeded his good friend, Major General William S. Key.

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